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FOR GARRISON FROM NEUBERT

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO BUCHANAN:

E.O. 11652: GDS
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1. HERewith SHORT-FORM REPLIES TO QUERIES RAISED
REFTEL.

A. THERE ARE PLENTY OF BLANKETS IN THE HOUSE; SO
BRINGING QUILTS IS SHEERLY A MATTER OF PERSONAL PREFERENCE.
GENERALLY, THE RESIDENCE HAS BEEN, IN MY EXPERIENCE,
OVER-HEATED IN THE WINTER TIME RATHER THAN THE OTHER WAY
AROUND. IF YOU DO WANT TO BRING QUILTS, THERE ARE
FOURTEEN BEDS IN THE RESIDENCE.

B. THERE IS AMPLE STERLING AND STAINLESS STEEL
FALWARE IN THE RESIDENCE. VIRGINIA WILL WRITE MORE
DETAILS AS TO SERVING PIECES, ETC. AGAIN, IF YOU CHOOSE
TO BRING TABLE SILVER FOR DAILY USE, IT IS ENTIRELY
UP TO YOU. IT ISN'T NECESSARY, BUT OBVIOUSLY DOES NOT
HURT IF YOU WISH TO DO SO.

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C. WE WILL BE HAPPY TO LEAVE REMAINING STOCKS
OF FOOD AND LIQUOR, MOST OF WHICH IF FROM PETER JUSTESEN
IN COPENHAGEN, THE FIRM USED BY EVERYONE HERE (WE DON'T
HAVE A COMMISSARY). I DON'T THINK IT IS NECESSARY FOR
YOU TO PUT IN A FOOD ORDER BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL HERE.
YOU WILL BE ABLE TO DO WELL ON WHAT WE LEAVE AND WHAT
YOU CAN BUY IN THE LOCAL DIPLOMATIC STORES.

D. CAN'TH THINK OF ANYTHING IN SHORT SUPPLY DESIR-
ABLE TO SEND BY AIRFREIGHT. VIRGINIA MAY LATER HAVE
A FEW SUGGESTIONS FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN REGULAR
SHIPMENT.

E. WE ARE NOT IN CONTENTION WITH FBO ON ANYTHING
AT THE MOMENT AND I KNOW OF NO SPECIAL QUESTIONS YOU
NEED TO TAKE UP WITH THEM. IN GENERAL, OF COURSE, IT
IS ALWAYS NICE TO HAVE WHATEVER INSIGHT THAT CAN BE
OBTAINED INTO THE FUTURE MONEY SITUATION. THUS FAR, WE
HAVE BEEN TREATED QUITE WELL AND HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO
JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING WE FELT WE HAD TO.

F. DELIVERY OF AUTOMOBILE DIRECT TO LENINGRAD IS
BETTER THAN GOING VIA HELSINKI.

G. AS AN ADDITIONAL POINT, I WOULD NOTE THAT THERE
IS NO REASON TO BRING VAST QUANTITIES OF ENGRAVED
CALLING CARDS AND INVITATIONS. THESE CAN BE PRINTED
LOCALLY VERY QUICKLY, IN EITHER OR BOTH ENGLISH AND
RUSSIAN, AT VERY LOW COST. I WOULD IMAGINE THAT 95 PER-
CENT OF THE CARDS AND INVITATIONS WE HAVE USED HAVE BEEN
OF THIS LOCALLY PRODUCED VARIETY.

2. IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER URGENT QUESTIONS, DON'T
HESITATE TO ASK US.NEUBERT

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